

disappointed by some of the things that Senator Robinson has said. I don't want to see young people anywhere victimized so that some adult can have a business and make more profit. This minimum wage bill is not antibusiness, it's proequity and fairness and social justice. I hope you will defeat this return motion.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Robinson, you're next.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Gosh, Senator Chambers, I wish you would have had that thing turned off down there. Let me ask a question, a rhetorical question. How many people in Omaha, Nebraska or Lincoln, Nebraska that are grossing 275,000 bucks with four employees could have a business? I would question if there are any of them. We're really not talking about Omaha and Lincoln. We're really not talking about Omaha and Lincoln. It's a different economy out there regardless of what Senator Chambers and Senator Hall says. You know what I get? They say, leave us alone, let us take care of our own business. Senator Hall talks about firing the engines. Let me tell you, Senator Hall, I don't know if you've ever been in a small business but if you don't have it coming in, you can't pay it out. There's just no way you can do it. And when you gross under 275,000...I do want to read something I got from one of our rural...he says, 12,000 income beats farming. Now, tears just rolled down my eyes when I got that piece of paper. And they talk about the ripple effect. You know what's going to happen on this, don't you? This is the reason the AFL-CIO wants it, they know. They know that if the minimum wage goes in, the next group is going to get more money, then the next group is going to get more money and the next group is going to get more money. It's a ripple effect. I would urge you to support my return of 297. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, again I rise in opposition of the motion to return the bill to Select for purposes of Senator Robinson's amendment. Again, I would like to emphasize that what Senator Robinson's amendment does is change the definition of an employer, changes what the current definition is. There would be people who...and he characterizes the proposal, the amendment, as a compromise. Well, I didn't know about the amendment till I went up yesterday to find out if